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The proposed amendments will not be entered because they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. Particularly, the LHRH antagonist administered is different from the first or second dose. Further the new independent claim defines first and second menstrual cycles and a luteal phase of said first menstrual cycle. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because the amendments to the claims require further consideration and/or search. Thus, all rejection of claims 1, 4-9 and 16-25 are upheld. The Examiner will not address the Applicant's arguments because they pertain to the amendments to the claims, which have not been entered or considered.

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